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Allen D. Hertz, et al.

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Filing Date

February 24, 2004

Art Unit

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING OPERABILITY OF A
FLEXIBLE, SELF CONFORMING, WORKPIECE SUPPORT SYSTEM***(Title of the Invention)*

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09 / 170,016		10/13/1998	6,029,966
09 / 253,238		02/19/1999	6,264,187
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Appn. No. Filed Herein
Filed: 2004, February 24
Applicants: Allen D. Hertz, et al.
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING OPERABILITY
OF A FLEXIBLE, SELF CONFORMING, WORKPIECE SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Divisional Application of 09/597,905 filed on June 19, 2000.

Statement Requesting Deletion of Non-Inventors

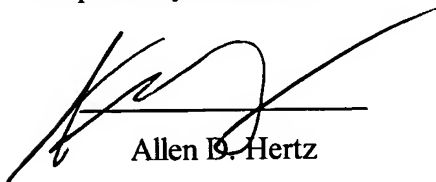
The following are the Inventors for the claims presented in the above stated divisional application:

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Inventor No. 2: Eric L. Hertz

Applicants respectfully request the **deletion** of Inventor No. 3 of the Parent Application - **Anthony Imm** - from the above subject Divisional Application.

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Applicant, Agent of Record,
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Filing Date

June 18, 2000

Group Art Unit

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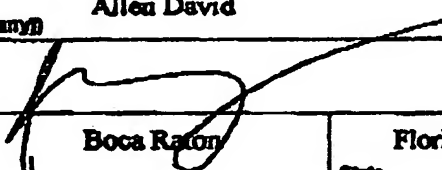
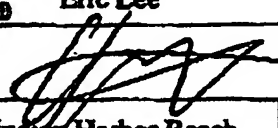
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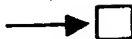
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